



DR. MARTIN L. KING, JR. COMMUNITY CENTER

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The Summer Center hours are 9am until 8pm, Monday through Friday. *Saturday hours are 9am until 12:00pm for members only. (*No day passes sold)

The King Center has a new face!



Our new doors really brighten up the King Center! The doors are handicap accessible and allows for the option to keep the doors open when unloading for large rentals. Stop on down and check out our "New Face" and see your face in the beautiful reflective glass!



Mr. Al Holmes Honored

Al Holmes, Coordinator of George M. Sanders Fathers Family Resource Center of New Concept



Self Development Center Inc of Milwaukee, WI is moving to higher ground. Mr. Holmes is one of the men in the 5th Edition of "Men We Love". An honor well

deserved for a very special dedicated man. When others label all fathers' deadbeat dads, Mr. Holmes looks for ways to give dad's hope! With government assisting fathers, Holmes emphasizes, "when you ask people about the specific issues that impact their daily life, you can design services that are meaningful. Too often, government and agencies make decisions about programs without polling the people affected by them."

The fathers who visit the George M. Sanders Fathers Family Resource Center will surely miss Mr. Holmes as he leaves to become the new Director of Programs for the Center For Veterans Issues, LTD. Mr. Holmes is truly a voice for our men and a jewel for the community

15th Annual MLK Back-to-School Festival

"We Can, We Did & We Will Continue"

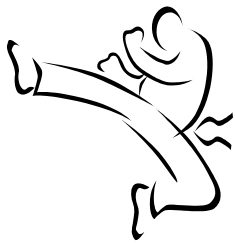
If you missed the Volunteer / Vendor Kick-off, you still have time to get your applications in! Against all odds, we are doing it "big & better" to celebrate the 15th year of preparing our young minds for brighter futures! **"Save August 8th to Celebrate!"**

For more information please contact Supervisor Elizabeth Coggs @ 278-4265 or visit her website for forms at

<http://www.milwaukee.gov/supervisorelizabethc7923.htm>

Saleem Karate-Do Tournament!!!

On Thursday, July 18th Saleem Karate-Do will host the 16th Inner School Karate Tournament at the King Center. The tournament will begin



with registration at 9:00am with competition beginning at 10:00am and ending around 2:00pm. Stop by and watch the kids and adults compete for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place statue Awards. All kids will receive

an award. For more information, contact Saleem at 344-5600.

R U Down With The King?

1st Annual 5-on-5 Basketball Tournament benefiting the 15th Annual Dr.

Martin L. King, Jr. Back-to-School Festival. Saturday, July 25th & July 26th – 9am-9pm at the King Center.



Double Elimination, 10-player limit per team. Please contact Rose @ 788-1910 for more information.

Plain Talk

Plain Talk is a replication of an evidence based, successful national program. It is in collaboration with the Milwaukee



Health Department, New Concept Self Development Center, Inc., and the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center, which Plain Talk has called home since its inception. It is an initiative geared towards educating adults regarding sexual reproductive health and how to communicate this accurate information to teens. The information is given to the adults of the King Center neighborhood by members of Plain Talk, which include youth workers who are participating in the Summer Youth Internship Program, along with Plain Talk workers and recruiters. The youth and recruiters encourage members of the King

Center neighborhood to have Plain Talk parties. These parties can either be held at the MLK Community Center or at a participant's home. They consist of a 4-hour session in which the Plain Talk team discusses sexual reproductive health, Sexually Transmitted Infections, birth control, and communication skills with the party participants. The parties are fun, friendly, educational and confidential. Those who host the parties are given gift certificates as a "thank you," and many participants also receive prizes for their contribution to the interactive parties.

Residential Nail Care

Residential Nail Care is a Therapeutic Mobile Service that creates a High-End yet affordable spa experience in the comfort of your own surroundings. Services include:

Mango Manicures w/ Swedish Hand & Arm Massage
Fruitful Foot & Leg Massage
Delicate Diabetic Nail Trimming
Charismatic Stress Relieving Chair Massage.

State Licensed and Certified. For more information, please call 414-460-2652. King Community Center Members receive a 10% discount.

Summer Youth Program



On Friday, June 26th the youth and the Youth Workers enjoyed the hot day with a cool trip to the new David F. Schultz Aquatic Center at Lincoln Park located at 1301 W. Hampton Avenue. After enjoying the water for a couple of hours, even before we could get them fed and dressed they were already asking me where the next trip was going to be!

We just celebrated the 145th Juneteenth Day

Do you know the History?

Juneteenth, also known as Freedom Day or Emancipation Day is an American holiday honoring African American heritage and celebrated by people of all ethnic and racial backgrounds. It is the oldest known celebration commemorating the ending of slavery in the United States. It commemorates the announcement of the abolition of slavery in the U.S. State of Texas in 1865. Celebrated on June 19, the term is a portmanteau of June and nineteenth, and is recognized as a state holiday in 31 of the United States.

Dating back to 1865, it was on June 19th that the Union soldiers, led by Major General Gordon Granger, landed at Galveston, Texas with news that the war had ended and that the enslaved were now free. Note that this was two and a half years after President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation - which had become official January 1, 1863. The Emancipation Proclamation had little impact on the Texans due to the minimal number of Union troops to enforce the new Executive order. However, with the surrender of General Lee in April of 1865, and the arrival of General Granger's regiment, the forces were finally strong enough to influence and overcome the resistance.

The holiday originated in Galveston, Texas; for more than a century, the state of Texas was the primary home of Juneteenth celebrations. Since 1980, Juneteenth has been an official state holiday in Texas. It is considered a "partial staffing holiday" meaning that state offices do not close but some employees will be using a floating holiday to take the day off. Twelve other states list it as an official holiday, including Arkansas, New York, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Alaska and California, where Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger proclaimed the day "Juneteenth" on June 19, 2005. Connecticut, however, does not consider it a legal holiday or close government offices in

observance of the occasion. Its informal observance has spread to some other states, with a few celebrations even taking place in other countries. Juneteenth is not considered a substitute for Independence Day.

As of May 2009, 31 states and the District of Columbia have recognized Juneteenth as either a state holiday or state holiday observance; these include Alaska, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Oregon, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, Virginia, Washington and Wyoming.



Statue on the grounds of Ashton Villa in Galveston, Texas, commemorating the reading of the Emancipation Proclamation at that site on June 19, 1865.



Juneteenth celebration in Austin, Texas, on June 19, 1900.

Happy 4th of July

During the American Revolution, the legal separation of the American colonies from Great Britain occurred on July 2, 1776, when the Second Continental Congress voted to approve a resolution of independence that had been proposed in June by Richard Henry Lee of Virginia. After voting for independence, Congress turned its attention to the Declaration of Independence, a statement explaining this decision, which had been prepared by a Committee of Five, with Thomas Jefferson as its principal author. Congress debated and revised the Declaration, finally approving it on July 4, 1776.



Did you know...

-- of the original thirteen colonies that attended the Continental Congress and voted on the Declaration of Independence, only nine voted in favor of it? Pennsylvania and South Carolina voted against the Declaration, while New York abstained


-- that on the first Independence Day, commemorating the signing of the Declaration of Independence by the Continental Congress on July 4, 1776, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, the US had consisted of 13 colonies under the rule of England's King George III? At the time, there were approximately 2.5 million people living in those 13 colonies. This 4th of July, there will more than 304 million people in the United States with 35.9 million living in poverty.

-- the salute of the union occurs on Independence Day at noon: One gun shot is fired for each state.

-- the 56 signers of the Declaration of Independence did not sign at the same time, nor did they sign on July 4, 1776. The official event occurred on August 2, 1776, when 50 men signed it. Their names were kept from the public for six months to protect the signers.

-- the first public reading of the Declaration of Independence took place in Philadelphia, where the bell now-known as the Liberty Bell rang out to call the city's population together on July 8, 1776.

-- July 4th was not a federal legal holiday until 1941.

-- that America's second president John Adams was the first to light the fireworks spark for Independence Day when he said the holiday ought to be celebrated by pomp and parade and illuminations from one end of this continent to the other"? 

-- Fireworks were invented in China in the 12th century to ward off evil spirits and the US imports an estimated \$128 million in fireworks from China each year.

-- that the first American flag was sewn by seamstress Betsy Ross in May 1777, at the behest of the Continental Congress? The original version of the flag had 13 stripes and thirteen stars, representing the original 13 colonies that signed the Declaration of Independence.

-- that Americans spent more than \$4.7 million on American flags in 2007 and the vast majority of those flags -- \$4.3 million worth -- were made in **China**?

-- the Statue of Liberty is a gift from France, it commemorated the friendship established between the U.S. and France during the American Revolution. June 17, 1885. Lady Liberty was over 305 feet tall on the pedestal. In her hands were her torch and tablet. At her feet were broken chains that stood for the end of oppression. The seven rays in her crown represented the seven seas and continents of the world. American poet Emma Lazarus's 1883 sonnet was inscribed on the pedestal. It welcomed immigrants to America with, "*Give me your tired, your poor/ your huddled masses yearning to breathe free / the wretched refuse of your teeming shore. / Send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed to me. / I lift my lamp beside the golden door.*"

-- Calvin Coolidge, our nation's 30th president, was born on July 4th, 1872. He is the only president to claim this honor.

-- John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, and James Monroe, all presidents, all died on 4th of July.

-- that twelve places are named for Independence, including Independence, Missouri.

-- 'The Star Spangled Banner' was written by Frances Scott Key and was originally set to the tune of an English drinking song.

Watts Up Corner!

And A bag of Chips

I don't need you to validate my beauty...
You're just working with the body you see
outside...

I'll have you know; from a beautiful heart, and
much stronger mind... is where I get my pride.

I'm well aware of my beautiful eyes...lovely
face...and my oooh so kissable lips;

But it's my total being...and my love for
God...that makes me...all that, and a bag of
chips!

Battery Man

Happy 4th



Dee's Knowledge Corner?

Beginning July 1, 2009

Important phone numbers will be changing for
Milwaukee County customers for the following
programs:

BadgerCare Plus
Caretaker Supplement
FoodShare
Wisconsin Shares (child care)
Medicaid

Report Changes

Go online to ACCESS.wi.gov; or Call/Change
Center: 1-888-947-6583 (voice) 711 (TTY)

Mail or fax your verification/proof to:
Milwaukee Enrollment Services Center
P.O. Box 05676,
Milwaukee, WI 53205-0676
FAX: (414) 438-4580

Appointments: (414) 289-6464 (voice) 711 (TTY)
Child Care Eligibility & Authorizations:
(414) 289-6464 or 711 (TTY)

NOTE: You can apply for FoodShare and
health care benefits online at
access.wi.gov. If you apply online, please be
sure to give your contact information so we can
contact you. You do not need to call the
agency.

Dee says, *sometimes our life forces us to go
up and over the mountain in front of us instead
of trying to go around it. Usually it's because
there is a blessing waiting at the top!*
*Have a safe 4th
of July!*



Current King Center

Adult Programs

***Open Weight Room**

Monday – Friday 9am – 7:30pm

*** Exercise Classes**

Mon – Thurs 9am, 4pm, 5pm / Saturday 9am -11am

***Adult Open Basketball**

Monday - Thursday Noon-3pm / Friday 9am – 2pm

Tuesday & Thursday 6:30pm-7: 30pm

*** Older Adult Basketball 30ys up**

*Wednesday - 9am-11am

Adult Resources

***GED Classes**, sponsored by MATC

Tuesday – Thursday 9:00am – 7:30pm

Free and open to the public. Call (414) 344-5788

***New Concept Self-Development Center Social Services**

To receive a variety of social service based assistance, including parenting classes, please call (414) 344-5788

***George Sanders Fathers Resource Center**

Monday - Thursday

9:00am -5:00pm & Friday by appointment only. Please call (414) 344-50146

Youth Sports & Programs

***Youth Open Gym**

Monday, Wednesday & Friday 6:00pm – 8:00pm

***3-on-3 Basketball Tournaments** Starts in August

***Future Heroes Football,** August – November

***Game Room**

Monday – Friday 3:00pm – 7:00pm

***Kiddie Korner, ages 5-9**

Monday – Friday 3:00pm – 7:00pm

***Homework Assistance**

Monday – Friday 3:00pm – 5:00pm

***Healthy Snack Day & Movies Night**

Thursday 5:00pm

***Youth Exercise Class**

Wednesday 6:00pm

For All Ages to enjoy

- **Tapping Out Rhythm, Monday 6:00pm /**
Call Lamont Johnson (414) 344-5600
- **Saleem Karate-Do/** Practice the art of Kempo Goju. Additional fee. Call (414) 461-2782
- **Al Mooreland Amateur Boxing**
Train with some of the best coaches in the amateur boxing circuit. Call (414) 263-4461
- **Bopping Classes, Thursday 6:30pm,**
Teens and Adults / Call Ron Johnson (414) 760-9007
- **Theater at the King!**
Olsen Arts Theater Group Contact Christel Blake (414) 736-9899

King Center Yearly Memberships

Milwaukee Adult Resident	\$31.68
Adult Non-Resident	\$85.00
Junior Resident (13-17)	\$21.12
Child (5-12)	\$13.73
Family of four (4)	\$68.64
Day Passes - Resident	\$2.00
Non-Resident	\$4.00

Room Rentals

240 & Multi Purpose Room
\$70.00 (2hr minimum)
Additional Hour \$35.00

Conference Room
\$120.00 for 6 hours

Auditorium
\$425.00 for 6 hours
\$80.00 Additional Hour

Gymnasium
\$65.00 per hour (Weekdays)
\$75.00 per hour (Weekends)

King Center Team

**Alvin Boyd *Dominic Conner *Rita Echols *Jasen Jasper *Fred Jones *Greg McBeath *Tommy Sundebird
*Tawau Saleem *Lamont Johnson**